National Highways in the State of Himachal Pradesh during the last four years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Expenditure
2002-03	12.34
2003-04	11.47
2004-05	15.64
2005-06	19.02

(b) to (d) The allocation of funds for maintenance and repair of National Highways in the country is nearly 40% of the amount required as per norms. This shortfall in funds is reflected in allocation for maintenance and repair of National Highways to all States including Himachal Pradesh.

Nuclear power for energy security

*30. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has done any study that nuclear power is the most cost effective means to ensure energy security;

(b) if so, whether nuclear power is costlier or cheaper than coal and gas based power in Indian parameter; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Roads in border areas

†*31. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.